

No major outbreaks had been recognized since 1973, suggesting that epizootic viral strains (subtypes IAB and IC) had become extinct. However, based on recent molecular phylogenetic studies, these strains may have evolved from strains maintained in silent cycles of rodent-mosquito transmission.

Partial nucleotide sequencing and antigenic analysis of three human isolates from the current epidemic indicates they are related to the IC epizootic strain of VEE virus isolated during a large outbreak in Venezuela and Colombia during 1962-1964.

http://ch.nus.sg/MEDNEWS/oct95/hicn8374_8.html - size 9K - 30 Dec 95

Infectious Diseases in Latin America

This site describes research related to changing disease patterns in Central America. It is titled 'Infectious Diseases in Latin America and the Caribbean: Are They Really Emerging and Increasing?' Author: A. David Brandling-Bennett, Francisco Pinheiro.

<http://www.medscape.com/Medscape/External/EID/EID.9601.v02.n01/e2108.brandling/e2108.brandling.html> - size 14K - 22 Apr 96

FAS ProMED Proposal

This site describes research related to the FAS Promed Proposal. Its title is 'A Demonstration Program For Global Monitoring Of Emerging Diseases'.

The FAS ProMED project is proposing to the world health community that a demonstration program be set up to test the feasibility of a global system of monitoring emerging infectious diseases. The demonstration program would concentrate on a small number of strategically located medical facilities, and would give these facilities top priority on training and other assistance.